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Baptist Woman's Convention Reaches New High

By MRS. THELMA C. HORTON
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Woman's Baptist Home and
Foreign Missionary Convention

RE-ELECTED TO HEAD BAPTIST WOMEN

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N. C. reached a new high, during the 1968-69 convention years, when the group reported \$94,142.84 for the objectives of the convention, namely, Shaw University, Central Orphanage, Home and Foreign Missions and the J. J. Johnson Assembly Site. Mrs. Vera M. Slade of Ahoskie, president of the convention and Mrs. M. A. Horne of Winston-Salem, executive secretary, praised the group for the outstanding job they had performed in supporting the objectives. Mrs. Slade stated that the books closed with all objectives met.

The 85th annual session was held at the Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church and the St. Mark AME Zion Church, Roxboro Street, Durham, August 12-15, with the Mt. Vernon Church, of which Dr. E. T. Browne is pastor, as host. This mammoth session, which also reached a new high, was attended by more than 1,650 delegates from every nook and corner of this state. Representing three main departments — senior, young adult and junior-young people, the delegates reported \$49,026.97 for the objectives, included in this amount was \$14,724.00 for the most recent objective, the J. J. Johnson Assembly Site (to be located in Scotland County). The County-wide Grand March (The Righteous Marching), adopted in 1967 as a fund-raising project for the assembly site, was culminated on Thursday with Anson, Johnson and Mecklenburg Counties reporting the largest amount over their quotas.

The theme "The Relevance of Jesus In This Present Age" (I John 4:7-11) was discussed by most of the speakers. On Wednesday morning, president Slade delivered her first annual address. Hearts were moved and prayers were answered when she



MRS. VERA M. SLADE

told the messengers that they had come to give an account of their stewardship, to rejoice over their achievements, to bring in the sheaves, to evaluate the past year's work, to deliberate upon the course of action to follow, to do a better and greater work to the glory of God and the edification of mankind. The church has been silent too long and has been too soft spoken against the evils that destroy men, both body and soul", she said. "The christian church must not hesitate to sound the alarm, to proclaim everywhere that no part of the world is safe until every part is safe, that no nation is secure until the humblest nation is secure, and that no race is free from want, domination and fear until every race is free from want, domination and fear. The religion of Jesus Christ is one of Brotherhood, equality, justice, love and peace for all mankind." As she closed her address, she told the women that "God

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LOTT CAREY SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION

By S. R. JOHNSON, JR., *Director, Public Relations*
Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention

Dr. M. L. Wilson was reelected president of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention for the third time at the 72nd Annual Meeting here at Convent Avenue Baptist Church, Friday, September 5, at the closing meeting.

Other Officers elected were: first vice president, Dr. W. E. Page, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. C. R. Edwards, Fayetteville, N. C., second vice-president; Dr. J. Jasper Freeman, Norfolk, Va., recording secretary; Dr. C. W. Ward, Raleigh, N. C., assistant recording secretary; Dr. L. J. Shipman, Youngstown, Ohio, statistician and Dr. M. G. Wood, Baltimore, Md., Director of Promotion. Mrs. Mary H. Wright, Philadelphia, Penna., was reelected for the third time to head the Woman's Auxiliary; Dr. Mary Agnes Jordan, Portsmouth, Va., vice-president-at-large; Mrs. N. L. Scarborough, Columbus, Ohio, first vice president; Mrs. Nettie Gaither, Washington, D. C., second vice president; Mrs. M. P. Kelly, Philadelphia, Penna., recording secretary; Mrs. Inex Thomas, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. L. S. Hobbs, Philadelphia, Penna., corresponding financial secretary; Mrs. Ruby Marshall, Washington, D. C., treasurer and Mrs. J. L. S. Holloman, Washington, D. C., immediate past president.

Miss Gwendolyn Bowick, Pittsburgh, Pa., was chosen to head the Youth Department and Mr. Aaron Boykin, Portsmouth, Va., received the honor of leading the Layman's League. Mrs. Thomas H. Slater, Philadelphia, Pa., will supervise the Youth Division assisted by Mrs. C. E. Griffin of Norfolk, Va.

BLACK MANIFESTO

President Wilson, in his second annual address, praised the Black Manifesto, recently read by Mr. Forman at Riverside Church and suggested that the same should be read in Black churches as well.

No longer can the Black church major in church and pastoral anniversaries nor can pastors afford to ride around in big automobiles where members of their congregation live in poverty, and the church must stretch out its arm and lend an affluent hand to missions.

Mr. Wilson, who also heads the New York City Council of Churches, recently turned down an opportunity to conduct worship service at the White House upon invitation from the President of the United States and asked to be excused to raise funds for the Charleston, S. C. hospital struggle. He was extended a later invitation. He told Mr. Nixon that the urgent call for help to aid the S.C. L.C., in its crusade was top priority.

Negroes must be willing to sacrifice and stop being too quick to condemn those among black folks who wear long beards, unpopular clothes and hair styles that are different and listen to the message that they are trying to convey.

Praising the pioneers of Lott Carey, president Wilson concluded by asking for a rededication and a moving away from penny offerings for foreign missions.

New U. N. President to be, Miss Angie Brooks, U. N. delegate from Liberia, to the United Nations paid a surprise visit to the Convention on Friday morning and expressed her appreciation to the convention for the assistance that they have given her.

The Honorable Miss Brooks, a former president of the Trustee division of the Security Council, who is scheduled to be the first Black woman in history to head the United Nations (election (9/19/69) is a product of the Lott Carey Mission School in her county and attended Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., from which she graduated. Miss Brooks directs the Convention's work in Liberia.

Ninety-two churches gave over \$1,000.00 to the organization to balance out a total of \$294,017.29 for the fiscal year from all sources, which is the largest amount in Lott Carey's history.

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

My dear Brothers and Sisters of the General Baptist State Convention:

We are about to journey to the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church in Greenville, where we are to assemble ourselves in the 102nd Annual Session of our convention.

Since we last met at the First Baptist Church, Statesville, many things have happened in our convention, in our nation, in the world, and upon yonder moon. To me all the events that have taken place serve as a challenge to our convention to do more and greater work for Jesus Christ, our Lord.

For several years our convention has been hindered from doing many things that ought to be done. It has been hindered because of a debt which it owes. At one time, the debt was some sixty thousand dollars, but it has been reduced to ten thousand dollars. When we come together in our Annual Session, let us erase this debt from our records. This we can do with your help. Brothers and Sisters, I can hear clearly the voice of God speaking to us even as he spoke to ancient Israel centuries ago, saying, "you have dwelt long enough in this mountain; turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount" of the **Baptist Book Store, of more field workers, of greater unity, of larger contributions, for State Missions, of Foreign Missions, Christian Education, and the Central Orphanage.**

I dare not tell you how much money you ought to bring to the convention, for this you know far better than I, but one thing I do know, if we bring thirty thousand dollars to our annual session in October, we will be able to pay off our indebtedness of ten thousand dollars, meet our obligations to the objectives of our convention, open the Book Store and employ another full time worker in the field.

As your humble servant, may I express my profound gratitude to you for the very, very fine way in which you have already supported this great convention. May I ask who but people of God, like you, would unite themselves as one in Christ Jesus to carry out the great commission which he has given us. May we shake hands at the annual session of our convention, October 27-30 in Greenville.

Yours in Christ,
John W. White,
President, General Baptist State Convention
of North Carolina, Inc.

PREGNANT HISTORY DELIVERS!

By ASA T. SPAULDING

Time, God, and Man

At 9:32 A.M. at the John F. Kennedy Space Center, Florida, July 16, 1969, I saw what happens when Time, God and Man cooperate. Within an in-

stant, they delivered with precision and perfection a Child of History! And within another moment, this Infant was on its journey to the moon accelerating the merging of time, space and history, — and the dawning of a new era.

Conception and Gestation

Conceived in the mind of man; nourished by all Americans while in gestation, — the affluent and the deprived; and in the fullness of time, it stood on launching pad 39A, a thirty six story Apollo 11. It had not only been formed out of "steel and metals dredged from the heart of America and refined by workers in hundreds of towns", but it also encased the spirit, dreams, and scientific progress of mankind.

The Delivery

The lift-off of Destiny's glistening opener of new frontiers from its launching pad by a 7½ million pound thrust, and with a tail of flame a thousand feet long, with staccato thundering sound waves pounding against the ear drums, and the earth trembling as if with fear, was a brilliant, spectacular, and unforgettable experience, and a time for sober reflections. Man had just embarked for his virgin landing on the moon, and for taking the STEP that would "divide history"!

While Passing Through Shadows

As I watched Apollo 11 being swallowed up by the heavens, I could say with a depth of feeling: "What hath God and man wrought?" It was as though I had lived through a million years of man's history and progress within a few compressed seconds.

Prior to the launching, I stood for more than an hour, with nearly ten thousand others, anxiously listening to the count down with both admiration and AWE!

With Hopes and Prayers

When the count down reached minus ten, and I realized that at that moment man was standing on the threshold of his most daring conscious adventure, I shared the feeling of Robert S. Boyd of the Miami Herald that: "the hopes and prayers of the human race . . (were somehow) . . squeezed into the Apollo 11 spaceship, 'Columbia', along with astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin, and Mike Collins".

The Haunting Question

I left the Space Center wondering what it will take to bring about a comparable national commitment to the overcoming of our human problems on earth, and to give birth to another new and even more glorious day in human history. This thought-question has been haunting me ever since, and will never permit me to have peace of mind short of seeing a similar mastery over our problems on earth!

It is now 11:15 A.M. I am back in my room #133 at the Host of America Motel, Melbourne, Florida.

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A LETTER TO WOMAN'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

July, 1969

Dearest Mrs. Horne:

I know that you're a very busy woman so therefore, I'll make this as brief as possible.

The purpose of this letter is to thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend the Youth Bible Camp. I was deeply honored that my Church chose me to go. I deeply hope I have proved to be worthy of their trust and respect. For I have tried to be.

Mrs. Horne, I'm sure I need not tell you but, I must. You're so nice and anyone can see that you're on the battlefield for God. That's the way I want to be. I want people to know that I'm a Christian by my actions and not because I say I am. My greatest ambition at present is to be what is true and honest in God's sight. I'm not saying this to impress you I'm saying this because it's in my heart and I want you to know that not all young people are hoodlums.

I have a problem and I want you to tell me what to do. I'm on the cheering squad at my school. The girls are all white. I'm the only Negro on the squad. The girls talk about everybody and say some of the dirtiest things. I don't go along with them and refuse to comment on the things they gossip about; because of this they say I'm stuck-up. Even though I know they'd prefer me off the squad because I'm black but nothing will get me off the squad. I asked God for an answer and I'm gonna keep on doing the things that are right. I'm gonna keep on being me and continue to pray for all of us. Do you think that's the right thing?

Sincerely yours,
Miss Lena Caudle

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While the surroundings are pleasant and comfortable, I am more or less oblivious to them.

The Mind's Freedom

My physical body is hemmed in by four walls, but there is no ceiling over my mind. It is soaring on the wings of thought with Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin, and Michael Collins on their journey to make the unknown, known; to uncertain, certain; and, in the words of Neil Armstrong later, "one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind", when all of a sudden the pull of the gravity of the social needs on earth jerk it back to the awareness of these needs.

All Things Are Possible!

I am more convinced than ever that what man can conceive he can achieve; and that where there

is a sufficient WILL, A WAY CAN BE FOUND!

If our space programs and our human programs are not kept in proper balance, our future as a nation will be in GREAT PERIL!

What shall it profit a nation to gain the whole world and lose its soul?

PREGNANT HISTORY HAS DELIVERED!

LOTT CAREY

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Dr. W. C. Somerville, Executive Secretary, of Washington, D. C., in his annual report, stated that 75% of all funds raised was sent to the mission field and appealing for a return to the teachings of Jesus as an answer to world crisis. Dr. Somerville said that this will bring about peace and understanding at home and abroad.

Mrs. Wright, president of the Women's Department, appealed for a watching of moral and ethical living in a world civilization that changes before man is ready to change and the Philadelphia educator, whose husband Dr. J. A. Wright, spoke to the meeting on Wednesday afternoon impressed upon the assembled delegates to not "let the word of God come from our lips when it is not in our hearts."

Opening on Monday evening with a Pre-Convention Musical, directed by Mrs. Maudelena Johnson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., where more than 1,500 persons attended. The annual session closed on Friday evening with Mrs. Charles Ebong, Nigeria, Biafra giving the closing address which described the civil war there and an offering of \$1,700.00 was presented to her to continue Christian missions in Nigeria.

Others appearing on the program during the weeks' meeting were: Rev. J. Ray Butes, Wilmington, N. C.; Dr. Sandy F. Ray, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. W. L. Ransome, Richmond, Va.; Rev. L. J. Shipmon, Youngstown, Ohio; Rev. John Manly, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Miss Gwendolyn Bowick, Pittsburgh, Pa.; the Rev. W. P. Smith, Vienna, Va.; the Rev. F. P. Wire, Norfolk, Va.

Next year the convention will be held at Fayetteville, N. C., the Rev. C. R. Edwards and First Baptist Church host.

ATTENTION! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

The forthcoming Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention will convene with the First Baptist Church, Greenville, October 27-30, 1969.

It is imperative that all Pastors and Laymen attend this Session and bring a liberal contribution for the Objectives — State Missions, Christian Education, Foreign Missions, Central Orphanage and the Headquarters Debt.

We would like to register at least 1,000 Delegates.

BAPTISTS URGED TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN SOCIAL AFFAIRS

By H. L. MITCHELL

The 13th annual conference on religious liberty sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs met at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, D. C., August 6-8, 1969. The theme of the conference this year was "EMERGING PATTERNS OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AFFECTING CHURCH AND STATE." The participants numbering about 100 were divided into five sections with representatives on preparing papers as follows: Section 1 — The Family, Section 2 — Industrial Economy, Section 3 — The Defense Establishments, Section 4 — Law and Enforcement and Section 5 — The Educational System. There were two groups which held meetings in each of the sections and reported in their particular section for the preparation of papers that were prepared for discussion and approval in the last general session of the conference. During this period the opportunity was given for expression by the participants as to their convictions regarding the stand the Baptists should take on the above mentioned subjects.

Special addresses were on the following subjects: "Toward a Theology of Man With Rights and Responsibilities", "The Role of Government and Enabling People to Be Competent and Able", and "The Place of Dissent in a Program of Justice." As in previous years, Dr. C. E. Carlson and Dr. James M. Sapp directed the affairs of the conference and kept the program moving in order. Throughout the conference, Baptists were urged to become more active in programs of human relations, family planning and to become greater involved in helping to guarantee an annual income of all families. There was also much emphasis placed on the need for Baptists to work for educational reforms in both private and public schools, and especially in programs to give more aid to the disadvantaged and to provide equality of educational opportunities for all students.

While the findings and decisions of the conference are only advisory, it is felt that they will have a meaning toward society. The opinions which were agreed upon and listed in five separate papers will be presented to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs when the semi-annual meeting is held in October. The actions following this will be referred to the following Baptist organizations which make up the Joint Baptist Committee. They are: American Baptist Convention, Baptist Federation of Canada, Baptist General Conference, National Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention, Inc., North American Baptist General Conference, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and Southern Baptist Convention.

It was very challenging for me to attend this conference and to participate as a group recorder in Group B—Section 1. It was also very refreshing to meet again members of the conference who have been attending for many years as well as to form new acquaintances. I was very happy to represent our convention.

It appears to me that as Baptists work together toward improving our total social order, we can accomplish much for the benefit of our brothers and sisters throughout the nation.

MRS. HORNE RECEIVES NATIONAL HONORS

During the 69th Annual Session of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., convening in Kansas City, Missouri, September 9-14, Mrs. M. A. Horne, executive secretary of the Woman's Convention received distinct honors in becoming the first life time member of the National Board of Directors.

Dr. Mary O. Ross, president of the National Woman's Convention stated "Because of the leadership Mrs. Horne has given to the women of North Carolina, the unselfish and outstanding work she has done in our National Woman's Convention in elevating her state to the 2nd highest Stewardship state in the nation, I hereby declare Mrs. M. A. Horne, executive secretary of the North Carolina Woman's Convention a Life Member of the Board of Directors of our National Woman's Convention."

The Board of Directors stood in agreement.

Among the sisters in Kansas City were Mrs. Cora Reid, Mrs. Ethel Bittle, Mrs. F. C. Fraylon, Mrs. D. F. Moore from Charlotte; Mrs. Essie M. Wilson and daughter Syvera Renee, Mrs. Erma Frazier, Mrs. Alease Baldwin, Mrs. Ophelia Linton, Mrs. Mary Kay, Mrs. Rita K. Johnson and Mrs. Helen W. Falls from Winston-Salem.

SUPPORT THE UNIFIED PLAN of the GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

Dr. J. W. White, President

**THE SYCAMORE HILL
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.**

226 West Eighth Street
Greenville, North Carolina 27834

July 9, 1969

Dear Brother Pastor and Fellow Baptists,

Sleeping accommodations for delegates attending the 20th Annual Sessions of the Laymen's League Convention and the 102nd Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. which convenes at the Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church October 27-30 may be secured in private homes at the rate of \$3.00 per night. Four motels are also available at moderate rates, providing reservations are made as early as possible. The names, locations, rates and telephone numbers are:

1. Holiday Inn—U. S. 13, N. C. 11, Memorial Drive
Telephone—758-3812
1 bed, 1 person—\$9.50
2 beds, 2 persons—\$12.50
2 beds, 1 person—\$12.50
2 beds, 2 persons—\$15.50
2. Smith's Motel—U. S. 13, N. C. 11, Memorial Dr.
Telephone—756-1130
Single Room—1 double bed
1 person—\$7.21
2 persons—\$9.27

Twin Room—2 double beds
2 persons—\$12.36
3 persons—\$13.39
4 persons—\$14.42

3. Town House Motor Lodge—U. S. 13, N. C. 11,
Memorial Drive
Telephone—756-1115
1 person—\$8.00
2 persons—\$12.00
3 persons—\$14.00
4 persons—\$16.00
4. Quality Courts Motel—U. S. 13, N. C. 11,
Memorial Drive
Telephone—756-1150
Single Room, 1 person—\$8.00, \$8.50
Twin Beds, 2 persons, \$13.00, \$13.50
Two Double Beds, 1 person—\$10.00
2 persons—\$16.00

Home accommodations may be secured by writing to Mrs. Mildred G. Thompson, 306 Nash Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834. All motel accommodations will be made directly with the motels as early as possible.

Meals will be served from two dining rooms at the church, one of which will be open all day, and the other only at mealtime. Breakfast may be secured for \$1.25. Lunch and dinner will cost \$1.50.

Very truly yours,
s/ (Mrs.) Mildred G. Thompson
Chairman, Housing Committee
s/ The Reverend B. B. Felder
Pastor

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

TO: Executives of Member Bodies, North Carolina Council of Churches Executive Board
Commission on Inter-Church Co-operation
Editors of Denominational Papers and other interested persons

SUBJECT: Conference on COCU
(second announcement)

Dear Friend:

Pursuant to my letter of September 11, I am happy to send word now that the First Presbyterian Church of High Point, N. C. will be host to our Conference on COCU, October 15 and 16. As you promote attendance at this significant meeting please bear in mind these points:

1. This state-wide Conference on the Consultation on Church Union will be led by Dr. Paul A. Crow, Jr. of Princeton, N. J., Executive Secretary of COCU. All interested persons may attend.
2. Host church: First Presbyterian Church, 918 North Main Street, High Point, N. C. 27262. Dr. W. Kirk Allen, Jr., Pastor.

3. Time: 11:00 A.M., October 15, to noon, October 16.

4. No registration fee. This will be a service of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

5. Those needing overnight accommodations are asked to make their own reservations (see list of hotels and motels).

6. The host church will merge its regular Wednesday evening adult program with the Conference, and invites us to share the meal at 6:00 p.m. for which the charge will be only 60¢. Send reservations for this dinner to N. C. Council of Churches, Box 6637 College Station, Durham, N. C. 27708 to arrive no later than October 14 (telephone 688-3819).

7. The Conference will be informational, not promotional. The purpose is to acquaint us with the latest developments in the concept of COCU.

Please assist us in making this fine opportunity known to your constituency.

Very cordially yours,
s/ Samuel S. Wiley

Listing of Hotels and Motels, High Point, N. C.

Hotels:

Biltmore Hotel, West High Street
Sheraton Hotel, 314 North Main Street

Motels:

Albert Pick Motor Inn, Interstate 40 & Highway 68
Holiday Inn of America, West Green Drive Ext.
Quality Motels, South Main Extension
Schraft's New South Motor Inn, 236 South Main St.
Town House Motel, 400 South Main Street
High Point Travelodge Motel, 425 South Main St.
Villa Motel, Super Highway

A LETTER TO WOMAN'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

212 N. King St.
Windsor, North Carolina
August, -1969

Dear Sister Horne:

Thanks and God bless you for telling me about the meeting. You know I would love to be there, but the weight of 97 years hold me back. I feel well enough to be there, but something holds me back.

My prayers are for the best Session we have ever had. I am urging people to try God's way of giving tithing.

I am enclosing a check for the Orphanage Home. I found a way to add \$25.00 more to the \$25.00 I gave in our meeting. Please tell Mrs. W. A. Mountain to add this check to the other amount I gave making for the Orphanage Home \$50.00 for this year 1969. I feel good to help all I can. Please pray for me. I love everybody and I want others to see how we can live better by obeying God.

Come to see me. Tell the Convention I have my ticket for Glory. Love to everybody.

Dr. R. L. Boyce

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wants christian women to work as never before, reach into the deep and save souls, young boys and girls from sinful places and the juvenile courts. God wishes to save the world from evil forces that are trying hard to destroy it. His only way is through us. Let us all unite together and play our role, working for God, giving our best services. God is still alive at work in the world."

Miss Patsy Rice of Charlotte, presented herself as one voice, representing young people from 57 nations, who attended the Seventh Baptist World Youth Conference in Bern, Switzerland. She gave a very dramatic account of her trip and concluded by stating that "There may have been 57 nations, but there was a common bond, an equalizing force felt by 6,000 young people as Dr. Billy Graham spoke on 'Christ for all the World — One World, One Lord, One Witness'."

Mrs. Omelia R. Johnson of Raleigh, secretary and bookkeeper, was praised for more than 30 years of continuous and faithful service to the convention. She has retired and will be honored with a "love offering" during the one-day session in January, 1970.

The Young Adult Department held their fourth annual session under the leadership of Director Luella Edwards and Brobbie Harris of Winston-Salem. New officers were elected and special recognition was given to the winners of the "beautification project". Officers elected were: Mrs. Amanda Stephen, Lumberton, 4th vice president; Mrs. Doris Williams, Durham, financial secretary; Mrs. Mary Robertson, Fayetteville, worship chairman; Madames Leola T. Harris of Statesville, Helen Balentine of Raleigh and Lucille Hill of Fayetteville were added to the advisory committee. In January, 1969, this group launched a Beautification Program for the Woman's Convention office, Raleigh, to include upholstering of furniture and new carpeting. This program was concluded on Thursday and the winners were Zion Memorial, Winston-Salem; Ebenezer, Charlotte and First Baptist, Fayetteville. Mrs. Luella D. Edwards is State Director.

The 44th annual session of the Junior-Young Peoples Department was brought to a close with a message and prayer by Miss Minnie C. Lyons, returned missionary from Africa. In her final message as Junior-Young Peoples' President, Miss Hortense Merritt of Durham, challenged both the seniors and young people. She said, "Too many christians are trying to serve in 'neutral gear', they need to shift gears and stop trying to coast into the kingdom. Too many christians are witnessing with 'Cold Power' and their witnessing is ineffective, we need power on high. Then we will be bound to go — to tell and to point mankind to the kingdom of God. We have too many mirrors on our cars, which keep us looking back. We can't look backward and go forward at the same time. We need to look ahead with a vision. God has called us to serve; we have a responsibility and we must 'Do Our Thing'." Two years ago the juniors adopted a policy whereby the president would serve a two year term and the vice presidents would move up in order, the first vice president becoming the president, etc. (this does not apply to the other officers). James Lewis, Winston-Salem is the new president; Miss Michelle Thompson, Lumberton, 1st vice; Miss Jewel Edwards, Fayetteville, 2nd vice; Charles Ward, Raleigh, 3rd vice; Miss Audrey Kee, 4th vice; Miss Gail Field, Rocky Mount, Recording Sect.; Miss Denese Gibson, assistant sect.; Misses Alice Bell, and Elizabeth Brooks, pianists; Lewis Grant and Miss Alice Cummings, worship chairmen; Miss Brenda Lyde, editor and co-editors are Misses Rosiland Turner, Lumberton; Emma Mosely and Louise Lutles. Two objectives highlighted their session, "The Shaw and Have A Heart For Missions Contests". Gaston County was declared the winner of the "Shaw Contest" for the sixth consecutive year. Miss Gladys Rhyne was the contestant. Miss Brenda Davis, representing New Home and Durham County

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juniors received a piece of luggage as winner of the Have A Heart For Missions Contest. Mrs. L. E. McGrier of Warrenton is the State Junior-Young People Supervisor.

Among the many outstanding personalities appearing on the program were Dr. King V. Cheek, president of Shaw University. He spoke from the subject "The University's Role In Molding Christian Character". He said, "The Motto of Shaw University and its creed that religion and learning go hand in hand eloquently expresses the task which we have undertaken to perform. For indeed we seek to inculcate in our students the truth that their life must be given meaning in terms of the ways in which they go about their daily business." Dr. Mary A. Jordan, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, Baptist General Convention of Virginia and vice president, Lott Carey Woman's Auxiliary, gave the delegates some steps that would help them move "Toward a Greater Tomorrow In Christian Missions". Souls were stirred and hearts were challenged as the ministers preached "God's Word". They were Dr. Wendell Somerville, executive secretary, Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention, USA; Rev. Norman Kerry, pastor, Greater Mt. Sinai, Charlotte; and Rev. H. S. Diggs, pastor, Providence Baptist Church, Rockingham. Special music was rendered by J. Robert Bradley, world-known director of Music Promotions, Sunday School Publishing Board, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Eddie Fogle, organist at Mt. Vernon, Durham; and Archie Dennis, Jr., vocalist of Pittsburgh, Pa. with his accompanist and coach, Miss Lucy Mae Stewart of Beaver, Pa.

The First African Baptist Church, 408 West Pine Street, Goldsboro, will host the annual session in August, 1970. The Rev. Isaac B. Horton is pastor.

WE NEED NEWS!!!

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